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Re Application of:

Manoj Ajbani, et al.

For: NANOCOMPOSITES OF ELASTOMER

AND DISPERSION THEREIN OF

INTERCALATED CLAY PREPARED BY AN

AQUEOUS MEDIUM WITH

FUNCTIONALIZED ELASTOMER

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated September 30, 2003, no paper number given, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.

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